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Sir:

RESPONSE

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action in the
above-identified application, in which the Examiner indicated
that the application contains claims directed to the following
patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species I: Fig. 30

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Species II: Fig. 33

Species III: Fig. 34

Species IV: Fig. 35

Species V: Fig. 36

Species VI: Fig. 37

Species VII: Fig. 39

In response, Applicant hereby elects, without prejudice, to prosecute the invention Species IV, Fig. 35.

Claims 1, 2, 3 and 11 are believed to be readable on the elected species.

Applicant expressly reserves the right to prosecute all non-elected subject matter in related applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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